

RCC Meeting Schedule 2007

February 28, 2007
(Legislative Day)
(State Capitol, Lansing)

March 19, 2007
(AFL-CIO Building, Lansing)

April 16, 2007
(AFL-CIO Building, Lansing)

May 21, 2007
(AFL-CIO Building, Lansing)

June 25, 2007
(AFL-CIO Building, Lansing)

*September 17, 2007
(AFL-CIO Building, Lansing)

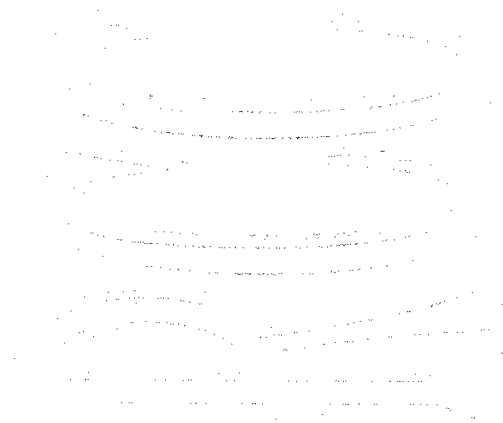
*October 22, 2007
(AFL-CIO Building, Lansing)

*November 19, 2007
(AFL-CIO Building, Lansing)

*December 17, 2007
(AFL-CIO Building, Lansing)

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Retirement Coordinating Council



Day at the Capitol

2007

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RCC Governmental Goals

Pension Improvement

- Provide pension step increases and other income protection for older retirees.
- Make the defined contribution plan optional rather than mandatory for all current and new state employees.
- Add permanent 80 and out retirement provision.
- Increase pension benefit factor from 1.5% to 1.75%.
- Include in calculation of final average compensation all taxable income received for service to the state, school district or college.
- Provide for state retirees' post retirement adjustment to protect at least the initial \$30,000 of pension, as is currently available to school retirees.
- Maintain public accountability and cost effectiveness of pension investments and benefit administration by avoiding further privatization.

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The Retirement Coordinating Council is a coalition of 21 public school and state employee and retiree organizations representing approximately 12,000 members.

Additionally, the Council receives contributions from approximately 1,400 individuals who are listed as "voluntary contributors" of the RCC.

Michigan Corrections Organization/

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Oversight

- Insure adequate funding for state administered pension plans.
- Monitor pension funds and investments and any legislation affecting the funds.
- Monitor the service provided for active and retired members in the retirement systems and address problems with quality and speed when they occur.
- Maintain the level of retirees' health care benefits, with attention to maintaining the cost/benefit ratio.
- Maintain the state tax-exempt status of public pension recipients and of the pension plans.
- Support legislation amending pension law as necessary to aid public employees who are faced with layoffs due to facility closure, downsizing or economic forces, in receiving pension benefits.
- Monitor the retiree health insurance bid processes and the servicing of all the state provided insurances.

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Health Care Improvements

- Eliminate or improve the graded premium scale for state retirees.
- Oppose efforts to prohibit incentives for voluntary use of mail order prescription drug programs.
- Support health plan changes that help retirees, including those with serious chronic diseases maintain their health and wellness.
- Support changes in pharmaceutical purchasing to reduce costs and maintain quality of prescription drugs for state and school retirees.
- Support health care purchase changes to insure that the pension systems are receiving good value for their money.

Pension Investment

- Continue to review and modify the public pension investment act to keep it up to date with contemporary public pension standards and to maintain a high level of fiduciary responsibility.